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Make Tracks for Me. The Great State of Maine Snowmobiling

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Safety Tips

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game urges everyone to ride safely and have a good time and always to

1. Travel in pairs and stay on established trails
2. Know your machine and its capacities
3. Respect other people's property and rights
4. Do not use your machine to harass wildlife
5. Learn the Maine Snowmobile Law and always abide by it.

Remember, common sense is the secret to happy, safe snowmobiling.

Please, No Litter!

Good manners can make snowmobiling more fun . . . and maintain your important good relations with landowners.

Maine law prohibits littering and provides for fines of up to \$100 and/or 10 days in jail for persons convicted of littering.

Never litter trails, parks, forests or other areas or pollute waterways by littering on the ice.



Please . . . respect the rights of everyone . . . and all of this state's natural resources. **HELP Keep Me. Scenic!**

Snowmobile Tips

Snowmobile riding after dark adds zesty excitement to any excursion and it is a memorable way to spend a crisp moonlit winter evening. However, use of snowmobiles at dusk and at night calls for extra caution. Also in some areas night riding may be restricted. Whether restricted or not, snowmobiling at night should only be done in areas where it will not disturb local inhabitants.

Riding a snowmobile lowers the normally brisk temperature. So, to insure comfort, warm clothes should be a part of the wardrobe of the vacationing snowmobiler. Many retail outlets in Maine have an excellent line of wear suitable for all snowmobilers, not only providing warmth but also very fashionable.

MAINE SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Snowmobiles may not be operated upon controlled access highways, or within the right-of-way limits. Snowmobiles may not be operated upon the main traveled portion, or the plowed snow banks, of any public road.

Properly registered snowmobiles may cross as directly as possible, public roads (except controlled access highways), provided such crossing can be made in safety and in no way interferes with the vehicular traffic on the road. Snowmobiles are required to yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic on a public road.

Registration of a snowmobile does not provide authorization to go on or cross private property.

It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile anywhere in a reckless manner, or while intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicating liquor. No person under the age of 14 may operate a snowmobile when crossing a public road. No snowmobile may be operated without an adequate muffler, or operated in such a manner as to cause harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise. Any person operating a snowmobile on land of another shall stop and identify himself upon the request of the land owner or his authorized representative.

The operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident on a public road resulting in injuries of death or property damage of \$100 or more, shall contact the nearest police office by the quickest means of communication.

An accident occurring in any place other than on a public road shall be reported as readily as possible to the nearest warden of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

THIS VACATION PLANNER

provides a brief explanation about snowmobiling in Maine. This is one of Maine's fastest growing winter recreations and many new facilities and accommodations are continually being opened to the public. Therefore, it is not possible to supply a complete, up to date list, of areas and accommodations in this brochure. To help you plan a fun-filled, pleasant snowmobile vacation contact the local Chamber of Commerce in the area you plan to visit or obtain information from sources listed in this planner.

One in a series of Vacation Planners programmed by the Maine Department of Economic Development, available from 78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102. Prospective visitors to Maine are interested in the "facts", and these brochures are designed with this in mind. We would appreciate receiving your comments.

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Family Fun

From early December to late March the snow-covered fields, forests and lakes of Maine, once the silent domain of a few hardy hunters, ice fishermen and trappers, have become New England's biggest winter area playground.

The key to unlocking Maine's 32,215-square mile treasure house of winter fun is the modern snowmobile. Snowmobiles will introduce you to a whole new world of winter excitement. They take you anywhere you want to go ... from deep, wooded trails to open, rolling fields. Plenty of sun and wind put a rich golden winter tan on any paleface.

The physical involvement in riding a snowmobile may be likened to a combination of skiing and/or horseback riding and provides an excellent substitute for golf and other summertime activities. Whatever your choice - a casual ride or an exciting chase over virgin trails - snowmobiling in Maine will prove that winter is truly a wonderland.

Other Information and Publications about Maine:

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game
State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine State Park and Recreation Commission
State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine Snowmobile Association
P.O. Box 186
Winthrop, Maine 04364

Paper Industry Information Office
133 State Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine Publicity Bureau
78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102
State of Maine Information Center
48 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N. Y. 10020
State of Maine Information Center
Laurentien Hotel, Dominion, Montreal, Canada

Other Information Centers:

Jct. of U. S. Rt. 1 & Me. Turnpike, Kittery, Maine
Bass Park, Bangor, Maine
U. S. Rt. 302, Fryeburg, Maine (summer only)
Maine Turnpike, North
Cumberland, Maine (summer only)
Internat'l Bridge, Calais, Maine (summer only)
All Local Chamber of Commerce Offices

PARK	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE SNOWMOBILE MILEAGE AVAILABLE	LAKE ACCESS	SPECIAL FEATURES
Aroostook	Presque Isle	6	X	Former ski run
Camden Hills	Camden	20		Mt. Battie road Lean-to shelters
Cobscook Bay	Dennysville	8		Lean-to shelters
Crescent Beach	Cape Elizabeth	1		
Lake St. George	Liberty	5	X	Lake access- no trails
Lily Bay	Greenville	4	X	
Mount Blue	Weld	14	X	Center Hill- additional acreage
Peaks-Kenny	Dover Foxcroft	3	X	
Popham Beach	Phippsburg	5		
Rangeley Lake	Rangeley	5	X	
Reid	Georgetown	10		
Sebago Lake	Naples	5	X	
Quoddy Head	Lubec	2		



Regulations

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game is responsible for registration and regulation of snowmobiles. Regarding registration, Maine has reciprocal agreements with many states and provinces. Rules and regulations may be obtained by writing to the Fish and Game Department at the address shown in the insert.

If you own a snowmobile and live in a state where registration is not required or where there is no reciprocity with the State of Maine, you may register your snowmobile in Maine by requesting application forms from the Snowmobile Division of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. (see insert)

General Information

Most Maine communities have dealers who buy, sell and repair snowmobiles. Also, many communities have snowmobile clubs where guests are welcome at such functions as rallies, interclub competition, dances, dinners, entertainment and safaris. A list of these clubs may be obtained by writing to the Maine Snowmobile Association (see insert).

Several areas throughout the State of Maine are catering to snowmobiles and snowmobile parties. Some areas even give special package plans for groups or midweek vacations to include lodging, rental machines and guides for safaris.

Some new areas have been developed with complete accommodations and services for a snowmobile vacation. Although snowmobiles are not allowed on ski area trails, most ski resorts have endless miles of snowmobile trails in the vicinity and some provide special trails on the mountain.

State and Federal Parks

Most state and federal parks are open to snowmobiling, offering many miles of trails and beautiful scenery. Since the parks are designed primarily for summer use, caution must be used as there are picnic tables, guard rails and other objects which can disappear under snow cover. The State Park and Recreation Commission welcomes snowmobiles in the parks listed below. Respect for trees and shrubbery is requested and safety recommendations should be followed at all times.

The Allagash wilderness provides several hundred square miles of winter wonderland. However, snowmobiles are banned within one mile of Allagash Stream and Allagash Lake. Use of the vehicles is permitted elsewhere on frozen water areas, established roads, trails and parks in the waterway.

Roads on the fringes of the waterway are privately owned and woods operations underway. Vehicles on these roads have the right of way at all times. Permission to use these roads must be obtained from the landowners.

This vast wilderness area should be traversed with a guide or by experienced snowmobilers only. For further information on State Parks or the Allagash Wilderness contact Maine State Park and Recreation Commission.

Portions of Federal Parks, such as Acadia in Bar Harbor, are also open to snowmobiles.

Competition

Competition ranging from amateur rallies to high speed professional races are held throughout the winter in many communities all over the State of Maine. Information on these races can be obtained by contacting the Maine Snowmobile Association (see insert).

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